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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Novel Nickel-Carbene, Palladium-Carbene and Platinum-Carbene Complexes, their Preparation and Use in Catalytic Reactions

the specification of which

___ is attached hereto

X was filed as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/523,894

on February 4, 2005

and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

and/or

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(the undersigned hereby authorizes its attorney to amend this document to insert the filing date and application serial number when they become known.)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, identified below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for

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patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application(s), having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

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			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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